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E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: OUTCOME OF CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN  
MUNICH AND NUERNBERG

REF: MUNICH 1195

1. MUNICH CITY COUNCIL. AS ANTICIPATED, CSU HAS WON  
A NARROW ABSOLUTE MAJORITY IN 80-SEAT MUNICH CITY  
COUNCIL. DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS IN NEW CITY COUNCIL,  
WHICH WILL TAKE OFFICE MAY 1, IS AS FOLLOWS:

PARTY SEATS PERCENTAGE OF VOTES SEAT CHANGE FROM '72

CSU	42	49.9	13-SEAT GAIN
SPD	31	37.5	12-SEAT LOSS
FDP	6	6.8	1-SEAT GAIN
SRB	1	1.9	N/A

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HALL BLOCK)

THE MUNICH BLOCK, WHICH WON ONE SEAT IN 1972, FAILED TO  
RETAIN IT IN THE MARCH 5 ELECTIONS.

2. NUERNBERG CITY COUNCIL. IN CONTRAST TO MUNICH,  
NUERNBERG ELECTION COMMISSIONER HAS NOT REPEAT NOT

YET ANNOUNCED FINAL RESULTS. IT SEEMS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT SPD HAS LOST ITS ABSOLUTE MAJORITY AND THAT CSU HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT GAINS. DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS IN NUERNBERG'S 70-SEAT CITY COUNCIL IS LIKELY TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

PARTY SEATS PERCENTAGE OF VOTES SEAT CHANGE FROM '72

SPD	34	46.9	5-SEAT LOSS
CSU	33	45.4	8-SEAT GAIN
FDP	2	3.6	2-SEAT LOSS
DKP	1	1.9	NO CHANGE
NDP	NONE	1.1	1-SEAT LOSS

DKP WON 1.8 PERCENT OF VOTE IN 1972 AND 1.9 PERCENT THIS TIME, HARDLY A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE.

3. COMMENT. ACCORDING TO BAVARIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, ALL POPULARLY ELECTED LORD MAYORS AND MAYORS HAVE RIGHT TO CAST ONE VOTE IN ALL CITY COUNCIL DECISIONS. IN PRACTICE, THIS MEANS THAT CSU WILL HAVE 43 OF 81 VOTES IN MUNICH CITY COUNCIL AND SPD WILL HAVE 35 OF 71 VOTES IN NUERNBERG CITY COUNCIL. FDP HAS LOST ITS STATUS AS AN INDEPENDENT "FRAKTION" (CAUCUS) IN NUERNBERG CITY COUNCIL. THIS MEANS THAT FDP NO LONGER HAS RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED IN THE INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEES

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OF THE NUERNBERG CITY COUNCIL.

4. AIRGRAM WILL FOLLOW. BETTS

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